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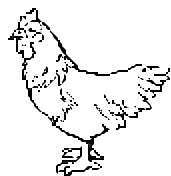
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall steady at best. Retail demand was sluggish to light with scattered features present to aid movement. Food service was light to occasionally moderate, best where fast food promotions were active. Supplies were at least adequate to ample with heavier weights more available. In the parts structure, trading was limited with regular commitments usually sufficient and only much needed product purchased. Wings remained in the longest position and frequently discounted. The remaining items were more than sufficient with little interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02/18/02-02/23/02 (cents per lb)

	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	(Includes branded product)				
<u>AREAS</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD</u> <u>AVG</u>	<u>LOADS</u>	<u>WTD</u> <u>AVG</u>	<u>LOADS</u>
Bos/New Eng	49.50-50.00	50.21	12	51.98	20
Chicago	45.00-48.00	48.04	42	49.96	76
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	53.35	20
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.20	10
Denver	67.50	67.47	17	65.50	21
Detroit	47.00-49.00	48.80	10	54.03	39
Los Angeles	68.00	65.84	66	63.64	143
New York	46.00-48.00	47.55	22	48.94	40
Philadelphia	47.50-49.00	47.73	11	47.93	22
Pittsburgh	47.00-49.00	47.50	10	55.02	56
St. Louis	47.50-47.75	47.28	17	49.05	33
San Francisco	68.50	67.64	29	68.05	58

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	02/18/02	Change/Last Wk	02/11/02	02/19/01
538	55.63	-0.48	56.11	57.21

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	51.50-53.00	52.78	35
Central	50.00-55.00	54.02	61
West	51.00-62.50	59.57	44

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-63.00	61.83	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,014	45.00-65.00	60.94

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	178.50	1,288
BREASTS - B/S	123.00	4,748
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.00	1,133
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.00	770
LEG QUARTERS	26.50	9,118
WINGS	84.00	3,005

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market and limited orders to current needs. Offerings of the 3 pound and heavier birds were available and the lighter weights were at least adequate. The market tone was no better than steady to barely steady. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate and bone-in breasts were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were available. Wings were ample.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand following the holiday weekend was light to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food promotions. Movement was also slightly affected due to a spot plant closures observing President's Day. Supplies were at least sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, wings remained problematic with supplies fully adequate to ample and hard to clear. Leg quarters were more available and often discounted, but slow to move, and the remaining items were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Trading reported for this week's deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments and new negotiations of light-weight WOGs unchanged to higher and heavy weights unchanged to lower. Offerings were adequate on weights less than 3 pound and held with a degree of confidence, however heavy weights were fully adequate with some discounts noted. Buying interest was better than anticipated. Demand was moderate to fairly good best where features planned. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was barely steady on parts. Trading reported on parts: leg quarter 26.5-29 bulk and 4/10s 27.5-30, breast 64-70 bone-in and 110-115 boneless random, thigh meat 80-84. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up 1.02 at 54.28 with the volume reported down 3 percent to 30 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged to slightly higher with TFEWR into Ohio. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to barely steady. Offers were available and sufficient for the limited trade interest. Retail movement was sluggish. Food service demand was mostly light, occasionally fair. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights were in a desirable range. Parts trading was cautious and limited overall. Supplies were plentiful and discounted to help clear. The market tone was unsettled on wings and steady to barely steady on all other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate. Seller offerings were ample on the 4.0 pound sizes, fully adequate on the lighter weights. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 50 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, wings were in heaviest supply. Drums were irregularly balanced. Other cuts were fully sufficient for current requirements.
*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

	02/19/02	02/18/02
RANGE	46-67	46-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.49	51.69
NO. OF BOXES	5,200	10,727

*plants reporting: 5 of 8 8 of 8

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was generally fair at best as dealers remained cautious and selective and were unwilling to extend floorstocks beyond most immediate needs. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate, but manageable. Bone-in breasts were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were available, particularly leg quarters. Wings were ample and discounted. Tenderloins were better balanced. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged fair to no better than moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
		TRADING	AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110-115		115.98	529,130
TENDERLOINS	105		109.12	117,970
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56		62.45	193,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	55		56.13	161,480
LEGS	38-39		40.24	235,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25		24.67	672,585
DRUMSTICKS	38-39		38.24	119,660
THIGHS	28-29		34.68	108,930
B/S THIGHS	85-86		82.76	158,070
WINGS (WHOLE)	73-74		73.50	374,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.24	42,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30		19.78	22,650
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45		38.64	28,590

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,320	100.00-126.00	105-110	107.19
TENDERLOINS	273	100.00-192.00	-	120.03
BREAST - WITH RIBS	199	52.00-84.00	-	58.22
FRONT HALVES	320	56.00-65.00	58-60	58.50
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,649	21.00-25.00	21-22	21.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,157	24.00-27.00	24-25	25.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	93	67.00-83.00	67-69	69.30
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,845	27.00-39.00	28-29	28.46

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/18	02/16	02/16	02/11	02/09
ALA	3,441	3,855	4.95	3,998	4.97
ARK	5,419	4,901	4.96	5,122	4.89
DELMARVA	1,795	2,303	5.11	2,297	5.08
LA-TENN	1,985	1,995	4.60	1,977	4.58
MISS	2,803	2,785	5.20	2,512	5.17
NC	2,274	2,400	5.97	2,578	5.94
TEXAS	2,396	2,389	4.80	2,336	4.87
TOTAL	20,113	20,628	5.07	20,820	5.06
MON	20,113(A)			20,820(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Feb 2002 is estimated to be 30,091,000 down 3.68 percent from a week ago and up 6.9 a year ago.

(Last week 31,242,000, last year 28,149,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	847	102.00-175.00	110-111	114.32
TENDERLOINS	156	110.00-190.00	110	125.38
BREAST - LINE RUN	134	58.00-63.00	58-61	60.59
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	36.00-46.00	36-38	37.01
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	439	19.00-27.00	23-24	22.84
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,176	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.51
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	70.00-86.00	82-84	83.70
WINGS (CUT)	429	87.00-95.00	88-91	89.61
DRUMSTICKS	69	45.00-50.00	-	45.65
THIGHS	27	51.00-56.00	-	54.70
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.50 - 45.00	41.26	41.81

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 18-22 FEB-2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	103.00 - 122.00	112.00 - 115.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	56.00 - 76.00	56.00 - 61.00
LEGS	38.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22.00 - 29.00	25.00
DRUMSTICKS	34.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 - 43.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	60.00 - 83.00	74.00 - 75.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-93
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	93
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ROASTERS 4# & UP	85-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	95-102
	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104-113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

15-FEB-2002				
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	17.00	298,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	17.00		

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-16.50	13.50	680,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.84	13.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-15.00	10.00-13.50	2,057,706	160,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.40	12.14		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand for spent heavy hens was moderate for adequate supplies. Schedules were normal. Dressed sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-FEB-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.25-11.75	8.5-9.25	8.87

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

15-FEB-2001				
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-17.00	14.00-16.00	110,400	80,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	14.66		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-15.00	11.00-13.50	1,221,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	14.71	11.66		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.50	42,840	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were generally adequate for immediate needs. Demand ranged light to fairly good. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-FEB-02.

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-10.5	8.75-10	8.81
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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